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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Bishop Dr.  
4 Reginald J. Saffo on the occasion of his 19th anniversary at  
5 United Faith Missionary Baptist Church; and

6           WHEREAS, Bishop Saffo's education includes: an Honors  
7 Associate's Degree in Arts and a Baccalaureate of Arts Degree  
8 from Aspen Christian College, a Baccalaureate of Arts Degree  
9 from Governors State University, and a Master of Arts and  
10 Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Ministry from Aspen Christian  
11 Seminary; he also has completed specialized certification  
12 studies with the Evangelical Teacher Training Association,  
13 Billy Graham School of Evangelism, and The Stephen Oxford  
14 Center for Biblical Preaching; and

15           WHEREAS, Bishop Saffo worked several years in  
16 transportation management with the BNSF Railway Company; he now  
17 serves United Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Maywood; and

18           WHEREAS, Bishop Saffo works for community betterment  
19 through his leadership, affiliations, and partnership with the  
20 Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle Transition Team, the  
21 Cook County Land Bank Board of Directors, and the Bellwood  
22 Library Board; he served as the Executive Director of the

1 Proviso Township Minister's Alliance Network, Executive  
2 Director of Proviso Action Committee, and Executive Director of  
3 Interfaith Illinois; he is a member of the Chicago Bar  
4 Association (Interfaith Committee), the Chicago Neighborhood  
5 Initiative Advisory Board (Park National Bank), founder of the  
6 Proviso Township Business Association, founder and Chancellor  
7 of United Faith Christian Institute and Bible College, and  
8 Regional Director of Aspen Theological Seminary Denver,  
9 Colorado; and

10 WHEREAS, Bishop Saffo is a recipient of the NAACP Medal of  
11 Freedom award; he is the publisher of "Christian Formation  
12 Principles", a text guide in the structured study of the Bible;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Bishop Saffo is married with 2 children, and  
15 resides in Bellwood; he is a native Georgian and served our  
16 country in the United States Air Force; and

17 WHEREAS, A celebration in honor of Bishop Saffo's 19th  
18 anniversary will be held June 8, 2014 at United Faith  
19 Missionary Baptist Church in Maywood; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
22 we congratulate Bishop Dr. Reginald J. Saffo on his 19th

1 anniversary at United Faith Missionary Baptist Church and wish  
2 him many more years of success; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to Bishop Saffo as an expression of our esteem and  
5 respect.